



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 3, 2025- 5:00pm**  
**Central Carolina Technical College**  
**506 N. Guignard Drive Building M400, Rm M401**  
**Sumter SC, 29150**

**MINUTES**

**In-Person**

**Clarendon County:** Juila Nelson

**Kershaw County:** Alfred Mae Drakeford, Sammie Tucker Jr., Jeffery Graham

**Lee County:** Wayne Hancock, Travis Windham,

**Sumter County:** Chuck Wilson, Jim McCain, Vivian McGhaney

**Members Absent/Excused**

1. **Welcome and Call to order:** Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order at 5:04pm
2. **Invocation:** Mrs. Alfred Mae Drakeford provided the invitation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Tucker led the pledge, and all attendees participated.
4. **Quorum Determination:** The Board Clerk, Ms. Linda Jackson, informed Chairman Tucker we had reached a quorum.
5. **Agenda Adoption:** Chairman Tucker called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Wilson made the motion to adopt the agenda, it was seconded by Mr. Jim McCain. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Chairman Tucker called for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from December 12, 2024. Mrs. Drakeford made the motion, the motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously
7. **Old Business:** N/A
8. **New Business:**

- a. **Committee Slate Approval:** Executive Director Dennis Cyphers presented the new committee slate for the following Committees:

- Aging & Human Services
- Workforce & Economic Development
- Planning & Projects
- Audit & Finance
- Executive (Set by By-Laws Structure)
- Building Task Force

Chairman Tucker informed the Committee Members that some of the slates are not filled due to waiting for new Board Members' assignments. He stated that the new board members will be assigned later. Mr. Cyphers informed the Committee of the major adjustments that were made to the Committee slates based on the Bylaws. Chairman Tucker called for a motion to approve the new Committee slate. Mr. Chuck Wilson made the motion; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Alfred Mae Drakeford. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Bylaw Review:** Chairman Tucker asked Mr. Cyphers to give an overview based on the unexpected exit of Rep. Will Wheeler as Vice Chair on the COG Board. Mr. Cyphers informed the Board that Article VI in the current bylaws gives guidelines on the resignation of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice- Chairman which states that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman shall serve in a similar capacity in the event of the death or resignation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman. Mr. Cyphers stated that the way the Bylaws state it, Sumter County representative currently sits in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair position and will move up to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. He advised the Committee that the selection should come from the County where the individual who resigned resides, based on the way the Bylaws state how rotations should be handled. He advised that moving Mr. McCain into the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman position will change the rotation of the officers. Mr. Cyphers advised that the vote comes from the Body, and the Chairman will appoint a Nomination Committee to fill the vacant position. Senator Graham stated that the appointment should be made during this meeting since Lee County and Clarendon County will be next in line for rotations.

Chairman Tucker suggested choosing a Nominating Committee to be selected during the current meeting. Senator Graham agreed with the suggestion. The following members were appointed to serve on the Nomination Committee. Chairman Tucker called for a motion to approve the slate for the Nomination Committee for tonight's meeting only. The motion was made by Councilman Jim McCain, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Vivian McGhaney. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

- Councilman Jim McCain
- Councilwoman Vivian McGhaney
- Dr. Alfred Mae Drakeford
- Councilman Travis Wyndham
- Mayor Julia Nelson

Chairman Tucker called for a recess to give the appointed nominating committee the opportunity to meet, to fill the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman and Secretary/ Treasurer positions. Chairman Tucker called the meeting back to order after the Nominating Committee debrief. Councilwoman Vivian McGhaney reported on behalf of the Nomination Committee with the following recommendations coming from the Nomination Committee.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman: Councilman Wayne Hancock (Lee County)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Mayor Julia Nelson (Clarendon County)

Chairman Sammie Tucker called for a motion to accept the nominations coming from the nomination committee, the motion was made by Councilman Jim McCain, the motion was seconded by Senator Graham. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Tucker stated that this process will be presented at the full COG Board Meeting.

**9. Executive Session:**

Chairman Tucker called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:25 pm to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Chuck Wilson made the motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alfred Mae Drakeford. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tucker called for a motion to enter out of Executive Session at 5:37 pm. Mr. Jim McCain called for a motion to enter out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chuck Wilson. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tucker stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

**10. Other Business: N/A**

**11. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Dennis Cyphers gave the following updates during his presentation to the Committee.**

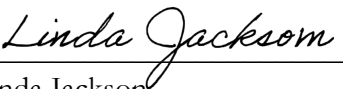
- The Annual Report will be presented during the next meeting
- Santee Lynches COG has been appointed as Sec/Treasury for the SCCOGS and will be tasked with all financial operations for the organization
- As part of a stopgap measure a Continuing Resolution was passed in the WIOA program, authorization ran out in 2019. 3% increase overall with drastic cuts to youth funding, the new law creates language for reprogramming funding based on metrics to the top five states. Fifty percent must be dedicated to adult DW programs and must be job training. Governors would also be able to take up an additional 10% of their state's WIOA funding allocation to establish a "Critical Industry Skills Fund" or an "Industry or Sector Partnership and Career Pathways Development Fund. Currently, that grab is maxed at 15%.

- HUD HOME has issued a new final rule that will affect our TBRA programs. These programs provide rental assistance to low-income residents based on the need of offset. It will reduce the income level allowed to receive assistance.

**12. Chairman's Remarks: N/A**

**13. Adjourn:** Chairman Tucker called for a motion to adjourn at 5:53 pm. Mr. McCain made the motion, it was seconded by Mr. Chuck Wilson. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

  
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Linda Jackson  
Board Clerk

Approved by:

  
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Dennis Cyphers  
Executive Director